

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments to the claims are only for the purpose of canceling the claims that were withdrawn from consideration in the parent application No. 09/827,524 after Restriction Requirement pursuant to a telephonic conference of May 28, 2002. In addition, the abstract has been amended to include less than 150 words. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is introduced via the amendments.

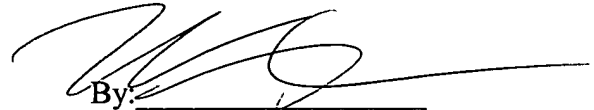
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that his Preliminary Amendment be entered and the case be favorably considered.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by way of this Preliminary Amendment to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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